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Mundt Charges 'Bungling'— Rusk Is Said to Promise Review of Spy Ship Use

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 -The Administration ran into was understood to have comcriticism and charges of "bung- plained that the Administration ling" today in the Senate had "bungled very badly" in Foreign Relations Committee permitting the Pueblo to operfor permitting the intelligence are off the North Korean coast. ship Pueblo to operate off the Senator Mundt was reliably North Korean coast at a time reported to have told Mr. Rusk of political tension in the Far that "we should not be running East.

surances that the Administra- is not otherwise available." tion would reconsider its policies governing the operation of electronic spy ships off the shores of Communist nations.

Meanwhile, in New York, Senator Jacob K. Javits called for Congress to conduct an inquiry into the Pueblo incident and other foreign policy issues.

Mr. Rusk, who appeared before the committee in executive session for a secret briefing on the Pueblo incident, obtained the unanimous support of the committee members for the Administration's diplomatic efforts to obtain from North Korea release of the Pueblo and her crew.

The committee members were reported to have stressed that the Administration should not rush into any military action.

Committee Is Critical

But when Mr. Rusk asked for committee advice on how POLICY ON PUEBLO to handle the incident, he was reported to have received instead criticism of the Administration of the Administrat tration for permitting the incident to develop.

The sharpest criticism was reported to have come from Senator Karl E. Mundt, Republican of South Dakota, who is normally one of the more militant conservatives on the committee.

In response to the Rusk request for advice, Senator Mundt

spy ships into controversial As a result of the criticism, areas in a provocative manner Secretary of State Dean Rusk unless it is highly important was reported to have given as that we get information that

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